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SUBJECT: OIE - UNITED STATES MEMBERSHIP IN REGIONAL
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FOR AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE

1. EMBASSY (AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE) IS REQUESTED TO CONFIRM WITH OIE WHETHER THE UNITED STATES IS EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN TWO OIE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS: (1) THE AMERICAS AND (2) ASIA, THE FAR EAST AND OCEANIA, AND THUS, BE IN RECEIPT OF ALL COMMUNICATIONS RELATING TO THESE REGIONS. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT PARTICIPATION IN MORE THAN ONE COMMISSION WOULD NOT INCREASE OUR FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TO OIE.

2. BACKGROUND. IN ARTICLE 12, CHAPTER III OF THE GENERAL RULES OF OIE, IT IS STATED..."THESE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS ARE OPEN TO ALL DELEGATES TO THE OFFICE FROM ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES WHOSE TERRITORIES ARE WHOLLY OR PARTLY SITUATED IN THE EPIZOOTIC REGION OR REGIONS IN RELATION TO WHICH THE COMMISSION HAS BEEN SET UP. THEY WILL MAKE DECISIONS BY A SHOW OF HANDS." THE DOCUMENT DOES NOT, HOWEVER, DEFINE THE AREAS OF THE REGIONS. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, BE A PART OF THE COMMISSION OF THE AMERICAS. RE
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THE COMMISSION FOR ASIA, THE FAR EAST AND OCEANIA, IN

DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN USDA (APHIS) AND DR. VITTOZ OF OIE IT
WAS POINTED OUT THAT THE FAO REGION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR
EAST INCLUDES HAWAII AS WELL AS THE U.S. TRUST TERRITORIES
OF THE PACIFIC. WITH THIS INTERPRETATION THE U.S. PRE-
SUMABLY WOULD BE EXPECTED TO BE AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT
OF THIS REGION. ROBINSON

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